Bristol. Feb. 21th 1851

My dear Mr. May.

This Mail takes to Mr. Garrison a London "Morn!. Advertiser" with an article I have been fortunate to have inserted, & ~~a~~ object is to have an effect upon American Ministers as well as an English one, I presume. Some he will copy it, — or part, into the "Lib!"! I am anxious that my name may not be talked of in connexion with it; but for no author to be known, but the responsible one the Editor of the paper Mr Grant. There are few papers here that would have inserted it: & with us, a Provincial paper has an insignificant influence, compared with a London one.

This post takes also copies for the N. Star Standard, Phil: Freeman, Ohio Bugle (if) can find an address) N. York Tribune & Inquirer

to the Richmond Inquirer, & the "Editor" of the Washington Union.

Also to Mr. S. J. May, Rev. Theodore Clapp, Hon. D. Webster Joshua Eddings, Dr. Gilman & Dr. Furness.

Not wishing to leave the Bristol post mark appear upon the copies sent to enemies in Boston, I shall leave directly from London, (now too late for this mail) papers to Dr. Gamwell, Mr. Register, Am. Unit. Assoc., & perhaps a few others.

I have mentioned to A. E. the names of the papers now sent to, but not of individuals, nor of the hostile printed, my only reason is, a fear that by some mischance, my private letter may get into the Lib.? Unluckily perhaps, for my discretion, there was a letter of mine published in a recent "Inquirer" by

Mr. Howorth, with my name to it, (though I did not conclude my name was to be left out with that of others) containing almost the words of a part of the London editorial.

I am quite unable to write you a letter now, for you may suppose with 400 copies of the M.A. to circulate, my dear J., (& we have no help here,) have enough to do. R.D. Webb paid me a visit last Sunday & staid till Tuesday. He saw my article in MS. & thoroughly approved of it. Mrs. Meredith is the go-between with me & her friend the Editor of the "M.A." — both orthodox. — Love from

J. P. Lesley

Recd. March 10th '54.

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Revd Samuel May. —

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